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I'm sorry, but as the Network Administrator for a fair sized school district, which has about 50% of our buildings with 70% free and/or reduced lunch percentages I just have to make a comment on the proposed Microsoft settlement. This is NOT a settlement - THIS IS an obvious utopian solution for microsoft. Now, they can get their software into educational institutions that previously could not afford them - AND (we) will NOT be able to support them once microsoft has completed their part of the settlement.

There are many other software companies out there, which for schools, provide better (sustainable and reliable) operating systems and server systems than microsoft. The only fair and sustainable solution to this settlement is to let school districts pick which software they want. Let Microsoft provide hardware (must include Macintoshes) and training (for any platform) but allow us to decide which software will best meet our needs and that we will be able to use and maintain with our own resources.

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